Component scanning is a feature in Spring Framework that automatically detects and registers Spring beans (such as controllers, services, repositories, etc.) from specific packages or directories within your application. It saves you from explicitly configuring each bean in XML or Java configuration files by searching for annotated classes and registering them as beans in the Spring application context. It's like having a magic scanner that finds all the components you've annotated and makes them available for use in your application without manual configuration.

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